REMARKS

Claims 1-140 have been cancelled. Claims 141-160 have been added. Such added claims address particular aspects of the present invention regarding auto negotiation operations. The undersigned attorney believes that the new claims added herein distinguish over the cited references. The undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to call with any questions or comments regarding these new claims.

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